

Age-Friendly Howard County Respect and Social Inclusion Workgroup Minutes



Date: 02/26/2020

Time: 09:02AM

Facilitator: Terri Hansen

In Attendance

Patricia Dugan

Tracy Atkins

Seema Agarwal-Harding

Emily Leclercq

MJ Engle

Barbara Corris-Digianni

Georgea Moore

Erica Mollet

Lakisha Williams

Suellen Seigel

Chad Smith

Kathy Wehr

Approval of Minutes

Motioned to Approve: Tracy Adkins

Seconded: Emily Leclercq

The minutes from January were approved with change from WCC to WIC

Announcements

Alice L Lewis was unable to attend today's meeting

Tracy Atkins has volunteered to be co-chair (government) we still need community co-chair.

Patty Dugan has joined the Respect and Social Inclusion. She works for the Columbia Association as the Older Adults Programs Coordinator. CA has a time bank which is open to anyone in Howard County. Joined group as she thought it would be fun to be part of the out reach and education.

Charles Smith – Planner with DCRS

Kathy Wehr will only be able to attend every other meeting due to a conflict with another meeting at the same time.

We have had over 2800 responses so far for the survey

Discussion

- Most of the completed surveys we received back so far were almost all English, very few in other languages.
- Kathy Wehr worked with Longwood to get Korean and Chinese surveys out to the occupants that live there.
- Found out the Hindi Survey was done in archaic Hindi language. However, all the Indian individuals who did the survey was able to read and fill out the English version.
- Have only received limited Spanish surveys. We need to reach out to these communities, possible through churches.
- There is an older Spanish community out there and we are not reaching them.
- Patty Dugan will bring Spanish surveys to the Interfaith Center where there are church services on Sundays in Spanish and will see if we can get more completed surveys.
- Will need to check to see if we reached out to FIRN
- A question was asked how much of what was collected on the survey will the workgroup receive? All workgroup members will receive a full report of the findings.
- Following on the tail of the surveys, focus groups and listening groups will be held around the end of March and all of April.
- Listening sessions can be many people, focus group should be no more than 15
- The co-chairs will have a quarterly meeting with Terri Hansen.
- Suellen Seigel is considering being the community co-chair
- As a workgroup we are going to make sure we do things smart, think differently.
- Workgroup needs to make sure they are covering the entire age span.
- The workgroup needs to have a mission and vision by the next meeting.
- Howard County has about 300,000 people of all ages. Use this information as a reference when looking at similar sized counties who have completed Action Plans on AARP website.
- What specifically is your workgroup going to work on?
 - Think about what inclusion is?
 - Define what Respect and Social inclusion is?
- Workgroup must be realistic with the timeline.

Goals

- **One goal for inclusion is bringing the younger and older population together.**

Homework

- Look at AARP Livability website similar communities action plans.
- Do some research on your own about what the workgroup should focus on.
- Define the scope/domain of respect and social domain

Next Meeting

03/25/2020 | 9:00am - 10:30am, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046